

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 23 Jan 2019 21:18:46 +0000
To: Media Clearance (CDC)
Cc: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: CDC clearance request - WSJ/General Mills and shutdown activities (102488)

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From: Media Clearance (CDC) <mediaclearance@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC) <fxq2@cdc.gov>
Subject: CDC clearance request - WSJ/General Mills and shutdown activities (102488)

For your review

CDC clearance request

Reporter's Name: Jesse Newman

Media Outlet: Wall Street Journal

Status: New

Deadline: 1/23/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 312.750.4119

Cell: 312.697.9418

E-Mail: jesse.newman@wsj.com

Note: Emailed response attributed to CDC

Questions for CDC:

Reporter saw General Mills' notice about its voluntary recall of Gold Medal Unbleached Flour due to salmonella concerns, and am wondering whether CDC is looking into this at all. Also wondering what CDC is able to do investigation-wise during the shutdown.

Information Provided by CDC:

There are no illnesses linked to the General Mills recall of Gold Medal Unbleached Flour announced today. During the partial shutdown, CDC continues to detect and investigate outbreaks of foodborne illness with our state health department partners, and we remain in close contact with investigative groups at FDA and USDA. However, the traceback and assessment of food production facilities, joint communications, and ongoing laboratory testing depends on those agencies' resources, which are reduced during the shutdown.

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Sent: 23 Jan 2019 21:01:01 +0000
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: WSJ/General Mills and shutdown activities

Hi Bert— (b)(5)

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That said, please set this up as an ASPA clearance and send through media clearance. Adding Michelle for awareness.

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From: Behm, Brittany (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <jiz9@cdc.gov>
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Cc: Skinner, Thomas W. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <tw3@cdc.gov>; Hoffmann, Candice (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <hqx5@cdc.gov>
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Hi- I plan to confirm there are NOT illnesses linked to this General Mills recall announced today, but may I also share the following that we previously shared with Reuters?

- Many investigations of multistate outbreak include collaboration with our federal partners FDA and USDA/FSIS to do the traceback. Joint efforts to investigate, coordinate and communicate about such outbreaks are limited.
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Thanks,
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From: Robinson, Michael J (HHS/ASPA)
Sent: 24 Jan 2019 22:10:49 +0000
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC); OS - Interviews
Cc: Lemar, Naweed (OS/ASPA); Daniels, Carla (HHS/ASPA); Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: CDC clearance request- NY Times-Number of Furloughed CDC Employees (102525)

OK, but please update the HHS media address as media@hhs.gov

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 5:06 PM
To: OS - Interviews <interviews@hhs.gov>
Cc: Robinson, Michael J (HHS/ASPA) <michael.robinson@hhs.gov>; Lemar, Naweed (OS/ASPA) <Naweed.Lemar@hhs.gov>; Daniels, Carla (HHS/ASPA) <Carla.Daniels@hhs.gov>; Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
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CDC clearance request – NY Times

Reporter's Name: Robert Pear

Media Outlet: NY Times

Status: New

Deadline: 1/24/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 202-862-0344

Cell:

E-Mail: ropear@nytimes.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: I am a journalist at the New York Times ... Would you know the number of CDC employees who are on furlough? ... And would you know how many are on furlough in the major units and divisions of CDC? ... thank you ...

Information Provided by CDC: (previously cleared)

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includes the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). You can find information about ATSDR activities at the link above.

HHS (media@acf.hhs.gov) would need to respond to any questions about how the partial shutdown has affected operations within its operating divisions.

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To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: Clarification needed on CDC/ATSDR operations

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Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:08 PM
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To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
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How do you want to handle this?

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Kaplan, Sheila <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Clarification needed on CDC/ATSDR operations

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From: Daniel, Katherine Lyon (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 9 Jan 2019 12:49:56 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC); Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Reid, Kiersten (CDC/OD/OADC); Mitchell, Jennifer R. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: NYT query re: shutdown effects on flu surveillance

Thanks, hadn't seen.

Not sure what this comes from but maybe worth asking NCIRD.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 12:48 PM
To: Daniel, Katherine Lyon (CDC/OD/OADC) <kdl8@cdc.gov>; Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC) <kkg2@cdc.gov>; Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>
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Sheila Kaplan/NYT just contacted us and said that FDA Foundation has released something saying that CDC flu surveillance is affected by shutdown. I haven't found it yet but we are seeing news stories about other FDA effects, particularly re: foodborne investigations. We are sticking with cleared statement for now; I'll check in with Bill Hall on our 1:30 call about latest from his perspective. Please let me know if you have other updates. thanks

<https://www.newschannel5.com/news/national/fda-employees-think-shutdown-could-be-deadly>

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 9:03 AM
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Sent: 17 Jan 2019 17:17:07 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: FW: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals

See below..

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Cc: Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals
Importance: High

Hi Heather,

See the request below from CQ Roll call

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Thanks in advance,

Bernadette

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:17 PM
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>; Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals

Importance: High

Bernadette— (b)(5)

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Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:12 PM

To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>

Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>

Subject: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals

Reporter's Name: Jacob Holzman

Media Outlet: CQ Roll Call

Status: New

Deadline: 1/17/2019 4:30PM

Phone:

Cell:

E-Mail: jacobholzman@cqrollcall.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: My name is Jacob Holzman, I'm an energy and environment reporter with CQ Roll Call. I'm writing about possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals. The study was released in June and has yet to be finalized. While the HHS contingency plan states the shutdown hasn't impacted ATSDR's PFAS drinking water contamination study, its unclear if this is related to the draft profile or to other health studies being conducted at the agency (it appears to be the latter). If you could clarify this for me, I would greatly appreciate it. You can reach me via phone at (b)(6)

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Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 17 Jan 2019 17:32:49 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals

It is closed.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM) <hbb9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals

Hi all—I confirmed for the reporter by telephone that the only PFAS activities that continue are the PFAS Contamination in Drinking Water study and related activities – information available at the HHS contingency staffing plan link. He has what he needs so we can close this one out. Erinn, please make sure it has an MIS#. Thanks all

From: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM) <hbb9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:35 PM
To: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Benet, Lauren (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/OD) <ljd3@cdc.gov>
Cc: Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: MI-Urgent-CQ Roll Call-possible impacts the shutdown may have had on finalizing ATSDR's toxicology profile of certain PFAS chemicals

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Importance: High

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Media Outlet: CQ Roll Call

Status: New

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Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM)
Sent: 23 Jan 2019 10:57:11 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: FW: ATSDR lapse in appropriations
Attachments: Impact statements ATSDR v.3 1-23-19.docx

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From: Cope, Cristina (ATSDR/OCOM/HCT)
Sent: 26 Dec 2018 09:27:38 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC);Gaines-McCollom, Molly (CDC/OD/OADC);Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC);Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC);Gonzalez, Belsie (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Siegel, Vivi (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP);Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM);Dove, Tabitha (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/DEHSP) (CTR)
Subject: FW: ATSDR Shutdown Guidance

Hi All – As you know, ATSDR is furloughed, which will impact our media activities. All staff on my team in OC are ATSDR employees, so in the absence of appropriations, please follow these steps this week. More info to come next week.

- 1) If the inquiry pertains to NCEH – send to Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice ADCS Vivi Siegel and Tabitha Dove. They can work with you to try to get a response.
- 2) If the inquiry pertains to ATSDR – please let them know we are shutdown (whatever language we've used in the past when CDC was furloughed).

Thanks,
Cristina

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2018 8:29 AM
Subject: ATSDR Shutdown Guidance

Dear ATSDR Employees,

Unfortunately, we do not have an appropriations act covering ATSDR's fiscal year 2019 activities.

Beginning Wednesday, December 26, 2018, ATSDR will begin an orderly shutdown process that all furloughed staff will be required to complete. Between 7 a.m. and noon on December 26 – or the next day you are scheduled to work – you are expected to conduct your shutdown activities. You are not expected to perform your orderly shutdown before the first day you are scheduled to work (e.g., if you are scheduled to return from leave on Monday, January 7, 2019, you do not need to perform your shutdown activities before then). You may complete your shutdown activities from your telework site.

Once the shutdown is complete, you will no longer be permitted to use federal equipment (e.g., laptops, mobile devices) or access federal IT systems. While performing your shutdown activities, consider downloading a copy of important documents such as your SF-50 (eOPF) and your leave and earnings statement (myPay). Certain key documents will be required if you choose to file an unemployment claim. Contact the HR help-desk ([770-488-1725](tel:770-488-1725) or HRCs@cdc.gov) if you have questions about how to access your eOPF or myPay.

For **excepted staff**, depending on your specific subcategory (e.g., staff paid from non-annual funding), please work directly with your supervisor (or designee) to determine what activities

you will be responsible for during the shutdown and the hours you are expected to work. If, for example, you are excepted under subcategory “I” (orderly phase-down and suspension of operations), your designation may change to furloughed depending on the length of the shutdown. Please contact your management officer if you need information about your excepted subcategory.

Effective immediately, we will not allow any new travel orders except for trips that are paid for with non-appropriated funds for essential activities. Please contact your management officer if you have questions about upcoming travel.

Employee Furlough Notification:

- We have issued employee furlough notifications from Furlough Status Notification (CDC) <furloughstatus@cdc.gov>, which provide official documentation to acknowledge the shutdown.
- If you received a furlough notification, the morning of your first working day after the holiday, please acknowledge this official notification by following the instructions in your notification.

Contact Information in the Event of an Agency Status Change:

- As the week progresses, please monitor media reports for regular updates on the status of the shutdown.
- More information is also available on our [Employee Information During Temporary Shutdown site](#).

Please review the information provided below and contact your management officer if you have questions. Ensure your supervisor (or designee) has your contact information in case your furlough status changes during the shutdown.

I realize this is a difficult time for everyone and appreciate your patience as we work through this process.

Thank you,

Sherri Berger, MSPH
Chief Operating Officer

Information Technology (IT):

- Every effort should be made to avoid doing any business using personal email. If you receive an email on your personal email account to notify you to return to work (either in an on-call status or when the shutdown has ended), do not reply to the email. The email should inform you to call the office or check your work email account for further information.
- Employees are not permitted to access any HHS systems while in a furlough status or conduct official or personal business using agency IT assets during the furlough.

- Furloughed employees will maintain possession of their government-issued laptops and mobile devices, but should power them down while in a furlough status.

Employee Out of Office Messages:

- HHS provided a template for employees to use for out of office email and phone messages (please see below). These may require edits, particularly to direct inquiries to specific excepted staff regarding excepted activities. In general, these messages should be short and factual, and we know staff will use good judgment when drafting out of office messages.
 - o Individual telephone line: “You have reached [name of employee]. Due to the absence of either an FY 2019 appropriation or continuing resolution for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, I am out of the office on furlough and I am not able to take your call. If your call requires immediate attention, please call [emergency contact for the office].”
 - o Individual email box: “Due to the absence of either an FY 2019 appropriation or continuing resolution for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, I am out of the office on furlough and I am not able to read or respond to your message. If you require immediate attention, please contact [emergency contact information for the office].”

Time and Attendance for Excepted Employees:

- No further time and attendance actions are required during the furlough period. Once the furlough has ended, return to normal time and attendance reporting procedures in TASNet.
- Keep manual records of any authorized and approved time worked during the furlough period.
- These instructions apply to ATSDR employees who normally report their time and attendance through [TASNet](#). Thus, these instructions do not apply to Commissioned Corps Officers, or other employees paid through other reporting methods.
- More information forthcoming for excepted (including exempt) employees.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 22 Jan 2019 22:54:06 +0000
To: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM)
Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: NYT asking for specifics on what ATSDR isn't doing--deadline tonight

Thanks Heather

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(b)(5) thanks again!

From: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM) <hhb9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:42 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT asking for specifics on what ATSDR isn't doing--deadline tonight

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Date: January 22, 2019 at 5:04:02 PM EST
To: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM) <hhb9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>
Subject: NYT asking for specifics on what ATSDR isn't doing--deadline tonight
Importance: High

Hi Heather-

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(b)(5) I'll also give you a quick call. Thanks!

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/budget/fy-2019-hhs-contingency-staffing-plan/index.html>

For environmental exposure assessment activities not directly related to protection of life and limiting disease progression, limits on ATSDR staff resources under the lapse would result in more time to review, analyze, and report out public health information. ASTDR would be unable to support most environmental health professional training programs, continuous updating of health exposure assessments and recommendations, and technical assistance, analysis, and other support to state and local partners.

From: Kaplan, Sheila <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: Clarification needed on CDC/ATSDR operations

Thanks, If we could talk on the phone, please, you would find me quite reasonable. I just want to be accurate. We are getting nearly all the info we request from EPA, FDA, USDA, NOAA, and it will be hard to justify to readers why CDC won't respond.
Thanks, SK

On Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 3:02 PM Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Sheila—thanks for checking in; we'll be back in touch

From: Kaplan, Sheila <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>; Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Clarification needed on CDC/ATSDR operations

Dear Kathy and Bert,

The New York Times is writing a new story today on the impact of the shutdown on all the health agencies. We need to speak to someone at CDC to clarify some of the information listed on the contingency plan -- unless you can tell me that it is being adhered to 100 percent. And even then, I need to get some figures on the number of people who are in and who are out.

In addition, the contingency plan Bert sent me does not spell out much about what is being done and what is not being done at ATSDR -- it just gives a few examples, such as the PFOA study. We really need more detail than that.

Im at (b)(6), if you want to talk. Otherwise, here are our questions, from my self and my editors:

What work at ATSDR has been stopped, specifically?
What work at CDC has been stopped, specifically?

Thanks, SK

On Wed, Jan 9, 2019 at 12:28 PM Kaplan, Sheila <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Bert,

Thank you. Does that mean that your flu surveillance and related activities are unchanged? I ask because the FDA foundation posted something noting that the CDC's flu surveillance activity was hampered by the shutdown, but that does not appear to be the case, based on what you have sent me. Please do let me know. As I'm sure you know, it's difficult to draw conclusions based on these website links. I need to be accurate.

Best,
Sheila

On Wed, Jan 9, 2019 at 12:18 PM Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Sheila,

Kathy asked me to make contact. Most of HHS's Operating Divisions—including CDC—were funded through FY 2019 by the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriation (which represents approximately 60% of HHS staff overall). HHS has [contingency staffing plans](#) for the Operating Divisions and programs funded through the Agriculture and Interior appropriations, which includes the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

You can find information about ATSDR activities at the link above.

This is all we can say at this time.
Thanks,

Bert Kelly
CDC News Media Office

From: Kaplan, Sheila <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: questions on flu activity during the shutdown

Kathy,

Can you please give me a call, or tell me how I can reach you? I'm at

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On Wed, Dec 19, 2018 at 11:25 AM Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Sheila—checking with program and will be back in touch

From: Kaplan, Sheila <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 9:03 AM

To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>; Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Lisa Friedman <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>

Subject: Can you please tell us if this info on climate change dept. is accurate? thanks, sk

Throughout 2017, Director Breyse consolidated the eight branches and one “program” (Climate Change and Health) under his purview into three branches. One consequence of this reorganization was the merging of the roughly 18 person Climate and Health Program into the 60+ person Asthma branch of NCEH, putting the CDC’s work on climate under the newly formed Asthma and Community Health Branch.

Thank you,
Sheila Kaplan
Reporter, Washington Bureau
The New York Times
Office: (202) 862-0312
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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 23 Jan 2019 16:50:42 +0000
To: Baldwin, Laura Zauderer (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD); Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Mitchell, Betsy (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD); Hunter, Karen (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD); Atkins, Bret (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD); Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC); Media@cdc.gov (CDC)
Subject: RE: Media inquiry: Government shutdown - has it affected autism research?

Thanks very much for the heads up Laura. We do have an ASPA-cleared stock response that we share with reporters. Bert has it and can share with Ms. Furfaro. Thanks all

From: Baldwin, Laura Zauderer (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD) <lbz7@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>; Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Mitchell, Betsy (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD) <bhm0@cdc.gov>; Hunter, Karen (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD) <ksh7@cdc.gov>; Atkins, Bret (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD) <bja9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry: Government shutdown - has it affected autism research?

Kathy,

On a previous Monday morning call, you mentioned sharing any shutdown related inquiries directly with you before responding. Please see the email below that NCBDDD received earlier today. Do you have boiler plate language that you recommend we use in our response? Spectrum covers much of our research in this area. Thank you for your guidance.

-Laura

From: Hannah Furfaro <hannah@spectrumnews.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Shapira, Stuart (CDC/DDNID/NCBDDD/OD) <cso6@cdc.gov>
Subject: Government shutdown - has it affected autism research?

Dear Dr. Shapira,

My name is Hannah Furfaro and I'm a journalist at *Spectrum*, an autism research magazine based in New York. Our team is wondering whether the government shutdown is affecting autism research. For instance, do you know if the shutdown is affecting the CDC's prevalence monitoring work? Or other CDC work related to autism?

Let me know if you have any info to share about this, even if it's off record.

I appreciate your help with this,

Hannah

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Hannah Furfaro
Reporter
Spectrum

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p: 646.751.1284
c: 917.655.9743
twitter: @hannahfurfaro

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 11 Jan 2019 12:20:13 -0500
To: Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC); Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-Skift.com-Vessel Sanitation Program

I will send her our statement.

bk

From: Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <masy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MI-Normal-Skift.com-Vessel Sanitation Program

Question about funding/shutdown

From: Minor, Anniece (CDC/DDNID/NCCDPHP/OD) <ajl2@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>
Cc: Kent, Se'Veda (CDC/OCOO/OFR) <khx9@cdc.gov>; Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-Skift.com-Vessel Sanitation Program

Reporter's Name: Hannah Sampson

Media Outlet: Skift.com

Status: New

Deadline: 1/11/2019 1:00PM

Phone: 954-812-7030

Cell:

E-Mail: hs@skift.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: Want to check and make sure that the CDC's Vessel Sanitation Program is running as normal given the shutdown. I thought that CDC funding was not caught up in the budget impasse, but wanted to make sure. Thank you!

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 24 Jan 2019 18:25:14 +0000
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown

Please check in with John Patterson and Rachel Holloway—we need to hear from them and HHS before we use the statement for this one. thanks

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown

I think the current statement will work for this, although it does not address the long-term effects.

Okay to send?

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown

Reporter's Name: Sally Persons

Media Outlet: FOX NEWS CHANNEL

Status: New

Deadline: 1/24/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 202-549-9446

Cell:

E-Mail: sally.persons@foxnews.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: I understand Mick Mulvaney has asked various agencies about what programs would have the highest impact if the shutdown were to continue. Has the CDC received that letter and can you provide any details on where your agency would feel the most hurt if the shutdown continues.

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 24 Jan 2019 15:36:53 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: FW: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown (102516)

Kathy,

OCOO wants to defer this one to HHS.

bk

From: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Patterson, John (CDC/OCOO/OD) <byi8@cdc.gov>; Capozzola, Christa (CDC/OCOO/OFR) <KQR5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ayk7@cdc.gov>; Holloway, Rachel (CDC/OCOO/OD) <khx1@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown (102516)

Agree, defer to HHS

From: Patterson, John (CDC/OCOO/OD) <byi8@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Berger, Sherri (CDC/OCOO/OD) <sob8@cdc.gov>; Capozzola, Christa (CDC/OCOO/OFR) <KQR5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Kelly, Alison (CDC/OCOO/OFR/OA) <ayk7@cdc.gov>; Holloway, Rachel (CDC/OCOO/OD) <khx1@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown (102516)

See media request below. I think send them to HHS?

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:36 PM
To: Patterson, John (CDC/OCOO/OD) <byi8@cdc.gov>
Cc: Holloway, Rachel (CDC/OCOO/OD) <khx1@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MI-Normal-FOX NEWS CHANNEL-Shutdown (102516)

John and Rachel,

We have been using the approved statement for shutdown questions, but this request asks about any long-term effects. (b)(5)

Thx
Bert

As a reminder, this is the cleared statement:

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HHS (media@acf.hhs.gov) would need to respond to any questions about how the partial shutdown has affected operations within its operating divisions.

Reporter's Name: Sally Persons

Media Outlet: FOX NEWS CHANNEL

Status: New

Deadline: 1/24/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 202-549-9446

Cell:

E-Mail: sally.persons@foxnews.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: I understand Mick Mulvaney has asked various agencies about what programs would have the highest impact if the shutdown were to continue. Has the CDC received that letter and can you provide any details on where your agency would feel the most hurt if the shutdown continues.

Information Provided by CDC:

[View Inquiry Details](#)

From: Patterson, John (CDC/OCOO/OD)
Sent: 8 Jan 2019 10:26:02 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Holloway, Rachel (CDC/OCOO/OD); Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC); Daniel, Katherine Lyon (CDC/OD/OADC); Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC); Reid, Kiersten (CDC/OD/OADC); Mitchell, Jennifer R. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: Re: Shutdown related questions -- WaPo and IEG

Just discussed with Sherri. Her preference is to refer to HHS. Any concerns?

On Tue, Jan 8, 2019 at 9:57 AM -0500, "Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)" <kxh9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi John— (b)(5)

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Just as a reminder, see below for current cleared response. thanks

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You can find information about activities ATSDR is able to continue at the link above.

From: Sun, Lena <Lena.Sun@washpost.com>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 3:09 PM
To: Skinner, Thomas W. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <tw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: Shutdown related questions

Hi there. I know CDC is funded because AJ just is funded. But we are hearing that even agencies that are funded are feeling the impact because of work they need to do with other agencies that are affected. Here are some questions we have been asked to get answers to from our respective agencies. Can you nose around and See if there is anything?

And I won't have to quote you or anyone.

Questions:

1. What are some upcoming dates when your department or the people you serve will start feeling effects?
2. Are there functions you rely on the IRS for that are not available?

3. Are there functions you rely on other agencies for that are not available because they are shut down?
4. What are you most concerned about if the shutdown drags on?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 18 Jan 2019 11:55:00 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-Yahoo News-Is CDC affected by the lapse in appropriations?

Will do.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-Yahoo News-Is CDC affected by the lapse in appropriations?

Please stick with the ASPA-cleared statement on this one.

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 11:49 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-Yahoo News-Is CDC affected by the lapse in appropriations?

Reporter's Name: Luppe B. Luppen

Media Outlet: Yahoo News

Status: New

Deadline: 1/18/2019 6:00PM

Phone: (650) 387-8947

Cell:

E-Mail: luppen@gmail.com

Note:

They did not include a deadline

Questions for CDC: 2 quick questions: Is CDC affected by the lapse in appropriations? For instance, is CDC continuing to monitor for outbreaks of food borne illness?

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 2 Jan 2019 15:28:23 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Will do.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Please check in with John Patterson and see if they would be okay with responding along lines below:

1. Are employees with the CDC still getting paid? I've talked to a couple who say they're aren't. Which are and which aren't?

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2. Any impact on research of potential E.coli outbreaks or any other diseases/bacteria?

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3. Any impact on research/reports/numbers/vaccines for the flu?

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4. Are there any potential health risks to the public, if the government shutdown continues?

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:15 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Kathy,

These are the local CBS 46 follow-up questions to our shutdown statement (b)(5)

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Bert

From: Brittany A Miller <Brittany.Miller2@cbs46.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 3:04 PM

To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>

Subject: RE: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Hello again,

Here are my questions:

1. Are employees with the CDC still getting paid? I've talked to a couple who say they're aren't. Which are and which aren't?
2. Any impact on research of potential E.coli outbreaks or any other diseases/bacteria?
3. Any impact on research/reports/numbers/vaccines for the flu?
4. Are there any potential health risks to the public, if the government shutdown continues?

My deadline is 7:00 p.m. today!

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 1:17 PM

To: Brittany A Miller <Brittany.Miller2@cbs46.com>

Subject: RE: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Hi Brittany,

Don't have anyone who can do on-camera today, but if you have any questions that our statement does not answer, I can try to get you some answers via email.

Thx,
Bert

From: Brittany A Miller <Brittany.Miller2@cbs46.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:52 AM

To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>

Subject: Re: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Okay thank you!

I can meet wherever is convenient between 3:30p-6:30p today.

Sincerely,

Brittany Miller

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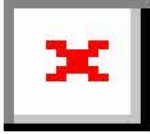
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[425 14TH Street NW, Atlanta GA, 30318](#)

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Cell: [404-290-5599](tel:404-290-5599)

Brittany.miller2@cbs46.com



On Jan 2, 2019, at 11:08 AM, Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov> wrote:

I am checking.

Thx
Bert

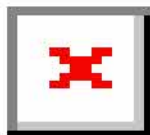
From: Brittany A Miller <Brittany.Miller2@cbs46.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 10:54 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: Re: CDC media request - CBS46-CDC and Government Shutdown (102089)

Thanks for getting back to me.

I wanted to know if anyone can talk to me about this on camera today.

Sincerely,

Brittany Miller
REPORTER
CBS46 & Peachtree TV
[425 14TH Street NW, Atlanta GA, 30318](#)
Direct: [404-327-3124](tel:404-327-3124)
Cell: [404-290-5599](tel:404-290-5599)
Brittany.miller2@cbs46.com



On Jan 2, 2019, at 10:49 AM, Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Brittany,

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Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Bert Kelly
CDC News Media Office

Reporter's Name: Brittany Miller

Media Outlet: CBS46

Status: New

Deadline: 1/2/2019 1:00PM

Phone: 404-290-5599

E-Mail: brittany.miller2@cbs46.com

Questions for CDC: How is the CDC effected by the government shutdown?

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 15 Jan 2019 17:42:37 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: FW: Impact of government shutdown

Kathy,

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Thx
Bert

From: Behm, Brittany (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <jiz9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 2:10 PM
To: Skinner, Thomas W. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <tw3@cdc.gov>; Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC) <fxq2@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Impact of government shutdown

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Thanks,
Brittany

Brittany Behm, MPH
Public Affairs Specialist
CDC's Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases
404-639-0667
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From: McDonald, Jason (CDC/DDPHSIS/CPR/OD) <gnf0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 2:01 PM

To: Skinner, Thomas W. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <tw3@cdc.gov>; Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC) <fxq2@cdc.gov>; Behm, Brittany (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <jiz9@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: Impact of government shutdown

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From: Skinner, Thomas W. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <tw3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC) <fxq2@cdc.gov>; McDonald, Jason (CDC/DDPHSIS/CPR/OD) <gnf0@cdc.gov>; Behm, Brittany (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DFWED) <jiz9@cdc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Impact of government shutdown

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From: Steenhuysen, Julie D. (Reuters) <julie.steenhuysen@thomsonreuters.com>
Date: January 15, 2019 at 1:54:36 PM EST
To: Skinner, Thomas W. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <tw3@cdc.gov>
Subject: Impact of government shutdown

Hi Tom,

I hope you're well (and getting a paycheck).

We're calling around for a story on the impact of the government shutdown.

At the CDC, we're wondering how you're handling the seasonal flu response and foodborne disease reports.

Best,
Julie

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 8 Jan 2019 12:26:41 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: shutdown impact at CDC and ATSDR

Will do.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 12:25 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: shutdown impact at CDC and ATSDR

CDC leadership and ASPA prefer that we stick with our cleared reactive statement for now. Bert: please follow up with Lena, the reporter with IEG and any other pending queries on this topic.

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: shutdown impact at CDC and ATSDR

Lena is searching for some info.

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Thoughts?

bk

From: Sun, Lena <Lena.Sun@washpost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 11:07 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: shutdown impact at CDC and ATSDR

Hi Bert. Happy New Year. I know HHS (and CDC) are funded but I understand that ATSDR is not? We're putting together a piece about the impact across agencies directly and indirectly. Even though CDC is funded, has any of its food-borne disease outbreak work—or other work—been affected because other government agencies are not funded? And if so, is it possible to get some specifics or details?

--food-borne investigations affected because parts of FDA have been affected?

--Ebola response affected because USAID heads the DART and it is not funded?

--opioid work affected because drug czar and DOJ not funded?

If ATSDR is not funded, what kind of work is not taking place or being delayed?

Thanks so much, Lena

Lena H. Sun

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 24 Jan 2019 19:41:44 +0000
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC); Kellogg, Marisa (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-CNN Opinion-Gov Shutdown - CDC epidemic monitoring

Agree, thanks

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:51 PM
To: Kellogg, Marisa (CDC/OD/OADC) <ymz4@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-CNN Opinion-Gov Shutdown - CDC epidemic monitoring

Got it. Our cleared response should work for this one.

From: Kellogg, Marisa (CDC/OD/OADC) <ymz4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-CNN Opinion-Gov Shutdown - CDC epidemic monitoring

Reporter's Name: David Andelman

Media Outlet: CNN Opinion

Status: New

Deadline: 01/24/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 212-878-9393

Cell: 917-325-2822

E-Mail: daandelman@gmail.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: I've been looking into prospective global epidemics since there has apparently been quite a bad outbreak of Ebola in Congo (response has been difficult due to election unrest there). I received an e-mail this morning from a response team in Nigeria responding to an outbreak of Lassa fever in 8 of Nigeria's 36 provinces. The WHO website lists epidemics of pulmonary hanta virus in Argentina, Mideast respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS) in Saudi Arabia and Ebola in DRC. CDC lists drug-resistant infections in Mexico and yellow fever in Nigeria that it's been watching, though it doesn't mention Ebola or Lassa fever. How might your monitoring or response be affected by the government shutdown. Is your ability

to travel to affected regions impaired in any fashion? A brief phone call would be useful, or simply a response to this message. Thank you!

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Heldman, Amy B. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 3 Jan 2019 11:32:36 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC); Daniel, Katherine Lyon (CDC/OD/OADC); Reid, Kiersten (CDC/OD/OADC); Mitchell, Jennifer R. (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-CNN-request to interview a CDC employee about how they have been affected by the government shutdown

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Heldman, Amy B. (CDC/OD/OADC) <evd4@cdc.gov>; Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC) <kkg2@cdc.gov>
Cc: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>; Daniel, Katherine Lyon (CDC/OD/OADC) <kdl8@cdc.gov>; Reid, Kiersten (CDC/OD/OADC) <nig8@cdc.gov>; Mitchell, Jennifer R. (CDC/OD/OADC) <itz4@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MI-Normal-CNN-request to interview a CDC employee about how they have been affected by the government shutdown
Importance: High

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Plus our cleared statement (which notes that CDC is funded but some ATSDR activities are not)

Reactive statement for media queries about government shutdown

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Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) – ATSDR experts will continue to provide a 24/7 response to toxic chemical exposures, hazardous leaks and spills, environmentally-related poisonings, natural disasters and terrorist acts. ATSDR would continue activities supported with funding not affected by the lapse in appropriations, such as: the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Contamination in Drinking Water study and related activities, certain asbestos exposure-related activities in Libby, Montana, as well as activities funded with supplemental funding for the 2017 hurricane season response.

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 11:04 AM

To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>

Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>

Subject: MI-Normal-CNN-interview a CDC employee about how they have been affected by the government shutdown

Reporter's Name: Keenan Willard

Media Outlet: CNN

Status: New

Deadline: 1/3/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 919-324-2918

Cell:

E-Mail: keenan.willard@turner.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: wants to know if he can interview a CDC employee about how they have been affected by the government shutdown

Information Provided by CDC:

[View Inquiry Details](#)

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 3 Jan 2019 10:52:58 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-PBS NewsHour-list of services that are being scaled back or halted amid the government shutdown

Will do.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-PBS NewsHour-list of services that are being scaled back or halted amid the government shutdown

Thanks Erinn. Bert: please respond with the cleared statement including hyperlink to contingency plans.

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-PBS NewsHour-list of services that are being scaled back or halted amid the government shutdown

Reporter's Name: Laura Santhanam

Media Outlet: PBS NewsHour

Status: New

Deadline: 1/3/2019 6:00PM

Phone:

Cell:

E-Mail: lsanthanam@newshour.org

Note:

Questions for CDC: Hello: My name is Laura Santhanam, and I am the PBS NewsHour's data producer. Here, we are compiling a list of services that are being scaled back or halted amid the government shutdown. Would you or someone from your team be in a position to share with me how this is affecting CDC's work, at present and potentially in the days and weeks to come? My deadline is COB today (1/3) and any help is much appreciated. If it's easier to talk by phone,

please let me know what phone number I should call and what time works best. Whatever the case, I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Daniel, Katherine Lyon (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 14 Jan 2019 14:13:10 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Reid, Kiersten (CDC/OD/OADC); Galatas, Kate (CDC/OD/OADC); Mitchell, Jennifer R. (CDC/OD/OADC); Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC); Parks, Kyra (CDC/OD/OADC); Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: Re: MSNBC request for Breyse interview on PFOS/PFAS

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Katherine Lyon Daniel, Ph.D.

On Jan 14, 2019, at 1:02 PM, Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov> wrote:

Hi Katherine: (b)(5)

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Thanks, Kathy

From: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meh0@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>; Parks, Kyra (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovg0@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MSNBC request for Breyse interview on PFOS/PFAS

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and request not an on camera.

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meh0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>; Parks, Kyra (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovg0@cdc.gov>
Subject: MSNBC request for Breyse interview on PFOS/PFAS
Importance: High

Hi Michelle—John Patterson and Megan Guest are both out today; this is the second request we've received for Dr. Breyse to comment on ATSDR activities. (b)(5)

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From: Benet, Lauren (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/OD) <lgd3@cdc.gov> **On Behalf Of** Environmental Health Media (CDC)
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM) <hbb9@cdc.gov>; Environmental Health Media (CDC) <envhealthmedia@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MSNBC inquiry

Kathy,

As requested, I'm forwarding this ATSDR-related request to you for CDC's response.

Thanks.

From: Bossone, Andrew (NBCUniversal) <Andrew.Bossone@nbcuni.com>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Environmental Health Media (CDC) <envhealthmedia@cdc.gov>
Subject: MSNBC inquiry

Hello,
I'm a producer at MSNBC with All In with Chris Hayes for correspondent Trymaine Lee working on a story about chemical pollution, specifically PFOA & PFOS and their related chemicals. I would like to request a phone call with Pat Breyse to discuss this topic. The phone call would be on background and include questions about the prevalence of these chemicals, their impacts on human health, and ATSDR work to examine these chemicals. We hope to conduct the phone call this week.

Best,
Andrew

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Andrew Bossone
Producer, MSNBC

646-942-4483

From: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 14 Jan 2019 13:50:13 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MSNBC request for Breyse interview on PFOS/PFAS

Fyi. Rachel Holloway is here today and can assist with routing to Sherry..

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 12:42 PM
To: Bonds, Michelle E. (CDC/OD/OADC) <meb0@cdc.gov>
Cc: Burden, Bernadette (CDC/OD/OADC) <btb8@cdc.gov>; Hoskins, Sharon (K.D.) (CDC/OD/OADC) <sdh4@cdc.gov>; Parks, Kyra (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovg0@cdc.gov>
Subject: MSNBC request for Breyse interview on PFOS/PFAS
Importance: High

Hi Michelle—John Patterson and Megan Guest are both out today; this is the second request we've received for Dr. Breyse to comment on ATSDR activities. (b)(5)

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From: Benet, Lauren (CDC/DDNID/NCEH/OD) <lkd3@cdc.gov> **On Behalf Of** Environmental Health Media (CDC)
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Cc: Bair-Brake, Heather (ATSDR/OCOM) <hbb9@cdc.gov>; Environmental Health Media (CDC) <envhealthmedia@cdc.gov>
Subject: FW: MSNBC inquiry

Kathy,

As requested, I'm forwarding this ATSDR-related request to you for CDC's response.

Thanks.

From: Bossone, Andrew (NBCUniversal) <Andrew.Bossone@nbcuni.com>

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:43 AM

To: Environmental Health Media (CDC) <envhealthmedia@cdc.gov>

Subject: MSNBC inquiry

Hello,

I'm a producer at MSNBC with All In with Chris Hayes for correspondent Trymaine Lee working on a story about chemical pollution, specifically PFOA & PFOS and their related chemicals. I would like to request a phone call with Pat Breysse to discuss this topic. The phone call would be on background and include questions about the prevalence of these chemicals, their impacts on human health, and ATSDR work to examine these chemicals. We hope to conduct the phone call this week.

Best,

Andrew

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Andrew Bossone
Producer, MSNBC
646-942-4483

From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 2 Jan 2019 11:09:03 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-ABC News-CDC & Government Shutdown

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:08 AM
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-ABC News-CDC & Government Shutdown

Thanks Erinn. Bert: what is the current statement you have for response?

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-ABC News-CDC & Government Shutdown

Reporter's Name: Eric M. Strauss

Media Outlet: ABC News

Status: New

Deadline: 1/2/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 212-456-2016

Cell:

E-Mail: Eric.M.Strauss@abc.com

Note:

They did not include a deadline in their email.

Questions for CDC: Is the CDC unable to do any of their normal work because of the government shutdown? Anything the CDC or the public should be worried about?

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 9 Jan 2019 17:07:55 -0500
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-ABC -Government Shutdown

I will send our statement.

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 5:07 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-ABC -Government Shutdown

Reporter's Name: Quinn Owen

Media Outlet: ABC

Status: New

Deadline: 1/9/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 714-317-9687

Cell:

E-Mail: quinn.a.owen@abc.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: are there any upcoming issues that might arise in the coming weeks for the CDC because of the Shutdown.

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 24 Jan 2019 10:11:41 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Kellogg, Marisa (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-The Advocate-Gov Shutdown - HIV Prevention

On it.

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Kellogg, Marisa (CDC/OD/OADC) <ymz4@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-The Advocate-Gov Shutdown - HIV Prevention

Thanks Marisa! Bert can share our cleared reactive statement.

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thanks

From: Kellogg, Marisa (CDC/OD/OADC) <ymz4@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-The Advocate-Gov Shutdown - HIV Prevention

Reporter's Name: Kate Sosin

Media Outlet: The Advocate

Status: New

Deadline: 01/24/2019 1:00PM

Phone: 708-825-7199

Cell:

E-Mail: katesosin@gmail.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: I am working on a story that examines HIV prevention and care during the shutdown. I am wondering if someone from the CDC can speak to impacts, both immediate and long-term on grants (if any) as well as health concerns for HIV-affected people during flu season and the CDC's prevention programs and capacity during this time. I would very much appreciate a phone interview, as I believe this is quite complicated. Thank you so much.

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 25 Jan 2019 13:59:02 +0000
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC); Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-Appeal-Democrat-Shutdown affects

Please use the ASPA-cleared statement for this one, thanks

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-Appeal-Democrat-Shutdown affects

Reporter's Name: Randi Love

Media Outlet: Appeal-Democrat

Status: New

Deadline: 1/31/2019 1:00PM

Phone: 530-749-4786

Cell: 818-770-6190

E-Mail: rlove@appealdemocrat.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: As the shutdown has affected many government agencies, in more ways than one, we wanted to reach out and see the long term affects of the Center for Disease Control being closed for more than four weeks and what that means for monitoring outbreaks, small or large, and what was the potential for what could happen and how the country could combat that with a large portion of the center shut down.

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 7 Jan 2019 10:08:34 -0500
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-The Washington Times-Is the CDC affected at all by the partial government shutdown

I will send him our cleared statement.

Thx
bk

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 10:06 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-The Washington Times-Is the CDC affected at all by the partial government shutdown

Reporter's Name: Tom Howell Jr.

Media Outlet: The Washington Times

Status: New

Deadline: 1/7/2019 6:00PM

Phone: 240.305.8592

Cell:

E-Mail: thowell@washingtontimes.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: Is the CDC affected at all by the partial government shutdown or is it fully funded and operational? If it is affected, how so?

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 18 Jan 2019 14:35:01 -0500
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Urgent-Bloomberg-CDC during the Shutdown

Will send our statement.

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Urgent-Bloomberg-CDC during the Shutdown

Reporter's Name: Mike Sasso

Media Outlet: Bloomberg

Status: New

Deadline: 1/18/2019 2:30PM

Phone: 813-546-8224

Cell:

E-Mail: msasso9@bloomberg.net

Note:

Questions for CDC: Is any part of the CDC affected by the shutdown?

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 10 Jan 2019 11:46:46 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-MODERN HEALTHCARE MAGAZINE-partial government shutdown and grant funding

John says keep using the [ASPA approved version](#).

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>; Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Subject: RE: MI-Normal-MODERN HEALTHCARE MAGAZINE-partial government shutdown and grant funding

Thanks. Bert: please share this one with John Patterson in OCOO as an FYI and confirm that OCOO wants us to continue to use the [ASPA-cleared statement](#).

From: Williams, Erinn (CDC/OD/OADC) <ovq3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>
Cc: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Subject: MI-Normal-MODERN HEALTHCARE MAGAZINE-partial government shutdown and grant funding

Reporter's Name: Steven Ross Johnson

Media Outlet: MODERN HEALTHCARE MAGAZINE

Status: New

Deadline: 1/10/2019 2:00PM

Phone: 312-649-5230

Cell:

E-Mail: sjohnson@modernhealthcare.com

Note:

Questions for CDC: I wanted to see if I could speak with someone today before 2 pm ET to ask if the partial government shutdown has in any way affected the application, awarding, or distributing of grant funding. If so, who has been affected? What have you told recipients, and

are any grants of the grants that have been impacted affected those related to efforts to combat opioid abuse? I can be reached at 312-649-5230.

Information Provided by CDC:

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From: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC)
Sent: 10 Jan 2019 08:54:01 -0500
To: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC); Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC)
Subject: RE: check in with DFWED/NCEZID and ID/NCIRD on partial shutdown effects

Yes, I have reached out to Kristen on this and will share what I learn. Ben, can you handle EZID and DFWED?

Thx
bk

From: Harben, Kathy (CDC/OD/OADC) <kxh9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 8:41 AM
To: Kelly, Bertram (CDC/OD/OADC) <msy5@cdc.gov>; Haynes, Benjamin (CDC/OD/OADC) <fxq2@cdc.gov>
Subject: check in with DFWED/NCEZID and ID/NCIRD on partial shutdown effects

Since it looks like the partial shutdown will continue for a while, please check in with NCIRD and NCEZID on any impact that FDA partial shutdown is having on CDC's flu surveillance and foodborne outbreak investigations. Bert—I think you already reached to NCIRD? Benjamin: FDA is talking to media about the safety of the food supply so we need to be prepared to follow up with more specifics on how CDC is affected. I'll be talking to OADC leadership at 9 today about whether/when CDC will say more than our current cleared statement.

Thanks!

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